
MINUTES

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2012

**9.17AM – 9.19AM
10.48AM – 12.29PM
1.04PM – 2.12PM
2.20PM – 2.35PM**

**Committee Room One
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield St
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Wade-Brown	(9.17am – 9.19am, 11.08am – 12.29pm, 2.27pm – 2.35pm.)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.17am – 9.19am, 10.50am – 12.29pm.)
Councillor Best (Deputy Chair)	(9.17am – 9.19am, 10.48am – 12.29pm, 1.04pm – 2.12pm, 2.20pm – 2.35pm.)
Councillor Cook	(9.17am – 9.19am, 10.48am – 12.29pm.)
Councillor Coughlan	(11.09am - 11.10am, 11.15am – 12.29pm, 1.04pm – 2.12pm, 2.20pm – 2.35pm.)
Councillor Eagle	(9.17am – 9.19am, 10.48am – 12.05pm.)
Councillor Foster (Chair)	(9.17am – 9.19am, 10.48am – 12.29pm, 1.04pm – 2.12pm, 2.20pm – 2.35pm.)
Councillor Gill	(9.17am – 9.19am, 11.00am – 12.29pm, 1.04pm - 2.12pm, 2.30pm – 2.35pm.)
Councillor Lester	(9.17am – 9.19am, 10.48am – 12.29pm, 1.04pm - 2.12pm, 2.20pm – 2.35pm.)
Councillor McKinnon	(9.17am – 9.19am, 10.48am – 12.29pm, 1.20pm - 2.12pm, 2.20pm – 2.35pm.)
Councillor Marsh	(9.17am – 9.19am, 10.48am – 11.27am, 11.34am – 12.29pm, 1.04pm – 1.57pm, 1.59pm - 2.12pm, 2.20pm – 2.35pm.)
Councillor Morrison	(9.17am – 9.19am, 10.48am – 12.04pm, 12.10pm - 12.29pm, 1.04pm - 2.12pm, 2.20pm – 2.35pm.)
Councillor Pannett	(10.48am – 12.29pm, 1.04pm - 2.12pm, 2.20pm – 2.35pm.)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.17am – 9.19am, 10.54am – 12.29pm.)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.17am – 9.19am, 10.48am – 12.29pm.)

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Antoinette Bliss - Committee Advisor

019/12P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no apologies.

020/12P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

021/12P **PROCEDURAL – ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown the motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee agree to adjourn the meeting to reconvene at the conclusion of the Regional Governance update from the Hutt and Wairarapa Council's.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Agree to adjourn the meeting to reconvene at the conclusion of the Regional Governance update from the Hutt and Wairarapa Council's.*

The meeting adjourned at 9.19am to discuss Regional Governance with representatives from Hutt and Wairarapa Councils and reconvened at 10.48am.

(Councillors Best, Cook, Eagle, Foster, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

022/12P **MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best, the motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 6 December 2012 and Thursday 13 December 2012,

having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 6 December 2012 and Thursday 13 December 2012, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.*

023/12P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Michael Gibson addressed the Committee regarding ‘Serious deficiency in briefing – Curtis Street – supermarkets’.

TABLED INFORMATION: Speaking notes reference 023/12P(A).

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 10.50am.)
(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.54am.)

024/12P **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. David Watt representing the New Zealand Historic Places Trust addressed the Committee regarding Report 2 Submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on Building Seismic Performance and Report 3 Earthquake Resilience Programme – Update and Policy Direction

TABLED INFORMATION: Speaking notes reference 024/12P(A).

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 11.00am.)

025/12P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

The Chair advised the meeting that the remainder of the agenda would be taken as follows:

- Report 2 - Submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on Building Seismic Performance
- Report 3 - Earthquake Resilience Programme – Update and Policy Direction
- Report 4 - Submission on the Resource Management Reform Bill 2012
- Report 5 - Submission on the Productivity Commission's draft report - Towards Better Local Regulation
- Report 6 - New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2013, Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 May 2013, Wanaka – Attendance of Community Boards
- Report 7 - Consultation on Local Government mandatory performance measures
- Report 8 - SPC Forward Programme
- Report 1 - Policy on International Relations

026/12P **SUBMISSION TO THE MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, INNOVATION AND EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING SEISMIC PERFORMANCE** (11.08AM – 12.29PM)
Report of Neville Brown, Manager Earthquake Resilience and Geoff Lawson, Principal Advisor Policy.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

(Mayor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 11.08am.)
(Councillor Coughlan joined the meeting at 11.09am.)
(Councillor Coughlan left the meeting at 11.10am.)

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown, the substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officer's report as follows (in bold):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to the attached submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment attached as Appendix 1.
3. Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Built Environment Portfolio Leader, the authority to amend the proposed submission

from Wellington City Council to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits.

4. **Agree to recommend to the Government that they further investigate prioritisation methodologies to assist territorial authorities and owners to make decisions about which buildings are retained around the country.**
5. **Agree to amend the following paragraph in the covering letter.**

Building owners also need to be able to strengthen their buildings. Projects that trigger wider provisions of the Act, such as fire safety and accessibility can be a barrier in some cases. **The Council does not support the proposal to separate these provisions in the Act and proposes that the existing discretion of Council officers remain in place.** Any initiative to allow section 12 of the Act to be suspended for earthquake strengthening will require very clear guidance to ensure that this is used appropriately and cannot be used to avoid required building improvements and obligations to address accessibility or fire safety.

6. **Agree to amend the following paragraph in response to question 22 of the submission.**

The Council does not support this proposal to grant building consents for earthquake strengthening without triggering the requirement to upgrade the building towards Building Code fire escape and disabled access and facilities requirements. The existing discretion under section 112 of the Building Act should remain.

~~Yes this should be at the discretion of the building consent authority (BCA), provided that the building is not unsafe.~~

7. **Agree to amend the following paragraph in response to question 32 of the submission.**

The Council considers that the Government needs to look at the rapidly rising costs of earthquake insurance and the impact on owner's ability to strengthen their buildings as a result of these costs. The issue of certainty for building owners in terms of earthquake standards also need to be considered carefully. Owners must know over the short to medium term what standard they will be expected to strengthen their building.

(Councillor Coughlan returned to the meeting at 11.15am.)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Pepperell, the following amendment:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

7. (i) Delete the following from the covering letter:

- There should be additional flexibility for Councils to increase the strengthening standard above 33% for particular buildings or classes of buildings, including lifelines, provided that this has community support. This would also need to be enforceable in law.

(ii) Delete the following from the answer to question 12 in the submission:

We believe that this is a reasonable requirement with provision that the community also agrees or supports this is a public safety and city resilience issue. The situations where a Council might require higher standards or shorter timeframes include:

- Buildings located on lifelines or strategic routes identified as critical in an emergency;
- Buildings with important public, social, economic or post-earthquake recovery functions. The CBD area in Wellington is vital to the regional economic performance and could be considered for a higher level of strengthening;
- When providing public funding is linked to incentivising an owner to undertake strengthening; and
- For heritage buildings. Strengthening to 33% will not necessarily preserve the heritage values of a building in the event of a moderate earthquake.

(Councillor Marsh left the meeting at 11.27am.)

(Councillor Marsh returned to the meeting at 11.34am.)

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 12.04pm.)

(Councillor Eagle left the meeting at 12.05pm.)

(Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 12.10pm.)

The amendment was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Councillors Coughlan, Gill, Lester, McKinnon, Morrison, Pepperell and Ritchie

Voting against: Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Foster, Marsh and Pannett

Vote: 7:7

The amendment was declared LOST on the Chair's CASTING VOTE.

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Gill, the following amendment:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

7. **Agree to amend the paragraph in response to question 11 of the submission to make clear that Council opposes the removal of the requirement for resource consent to demolish or significantly alter heritage buildings to achieve safety outcomes.**

The amendment was accepted by the leave of the meeting

The substantive motion as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

(Councillor Ritchie requested that her dissenting vote be recorded.)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the attached submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment attached as Appendix 1 (of the officers report).*
3. *Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Built Environment Portfolio Leader, the authority to amend the proposed submission from Wellington City Council to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits.*
4. *Agree to recommend to the Government that they further investigate prioritisation methodologies to assist territorial authorities and owners to make decisions about which buildings are retained around the country.*
5. *Agree to amend the following paragraph in the covering letter.*

Building owners also need to be able to strengthen their buildings. Projects that trigger wider provisions of the Act, such as fire safety and accessibility can be a barrier in some cases. The Council does not support the proposal to separate these provisions in the Act and proposes that the existing discretion of Council officers remain in place. Any initiative to allow section 112 of the Act to be suspended for earthquake strengthening will require very clear guidance to ensure that this is used appropriately and cannot be used to avoid required building improvements and obligations to address accessibility or fire safety.

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~~Yes this should be at the discretion of the building consent authority (BCA), provided that the building is not unsafe.~~

7. **Agree to amend the paragraph in response to question 11 of the submission to make clear that Council opposes the removal of the requirement for resource consent to demolish or significantly alter heritage buildings to achieve safety outcomes.**

NOTED:

The Resolution differs from the officer's recommendations as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold** and the text removed with ~~striketrough~~.

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.29pm and reconvened at 1.04pm.)

(Councillors Best, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Lester, Marsh, Morrison and Pannett were present when the meeting reconvened.)

025/12P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

The Chair advised the meeting that the remainder of the agenda would be taken as follows:

Report 4 - Submission on the Resource Management Reform Bill 2012

Report 5 - Submission on the Productivity Commission's draft report -
Towards Better Local Regulation

Report 6 - New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2013, Thursday 9
– Saturday 11 May 2013, Wanaka – Attendance of Community
Boards

Report 1 - Policy on International Relations

Report 7 - Consultation on Local Government mandatory performance
measures

Report 8 - SPC Forward Programme

Report 3 - Earthquake Resilience Programme – Update and Policy Direction

027/12P **SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REFORM BILL 2012** (1.04PM – 1.34PM)
 Report of Warren Ulusele, Manager, Urban Development.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Gill, the substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officer's report as follows (in bold):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

2. Agree to the submission **as amended** (attached in Appendix One) to the Local Government and Environment Committee **with the following additions:**
 - (i) **Insert into Introduction**
7 The Council is concerned that the emphasis on economic impacts attempts to elevate such considerations above environmental, social and cultural values, and in doing so potentially undermines the overall intent and purpose of the Resource Management Act.
 - (ii) **Insert into Clause 100 - Time limit for completion of notified and limited notified hearings: Submission:**
23.2 The Council is concerned that if concerns regarding the calculation and deferral of deadlines for interim steps in the decision making process are not properly addressed then the 6 month time could potentially compromise good decision making and the ability for participants to resolve matters independently.
 - (iii) **Insert into Clause 13 - Direct Referral: New point after point 39**
40 The Council is opposed to clause 49, which restricts access to the Environment Court process to those parties not previously involved and are not directly affected, but that may have a wider community interest in the matter of the proceeding.
 - (iv) **Insert into Clause 69 - New requirement to evaluate all provisions i.e. policies, rules or other methods. New point after point 33**
34 The Council is opposed to clause 61, which removes the ability of local authorities to determine the appropriate monitoring regime relevant to their communities.

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 1.20pm.)

The substantive motion as 1. was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion as 2. (i). was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Councillors Foster, Gill, Lester and Pannett

Voting against: Councillors Best, Coughlan, McKinnon, Marsh and Morrison

Vote: 4:5

The substantive motion as 2. (i). declared LOST.

The substantive motion as 2.(ii). was put and declared LOST.

The substantive motion as 2.(iii). was put and declared LOST.

The substantive motion as 2.(iv). was put and declared LOST.

The substantive motion as in officers report was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the submission (attached in Appendix One of the officers report) to the Local Government and Environment Committee.*
3. *Delegate to the Built Environment Portfolio Leader and the Chief Executive the authority to make any minor editorial changes required as part of finalising the submission.*

028/12P **SUBMISSION ON THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION'S DRAFT REPORT - TOWARDS BETTER LOCAL REGULATION** (1.34PM – 1.36PM)
Report of Baz Kaufman – Senior Strategic Advisor and Corwin Wallens – Senior Policy Advisor.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Foster, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree the submission to the Productivity Commission on their draft report 'Towards Better Regulation' attached as appendix one.*
3. *Note the summary of key findings of the Productivity Commission attached as appendix two (of the officers report).*
4. *Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer and the Governance Portfolio leader, the authority to amend the proposed submission from Wellington City Council to the Productivity Commission to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits.*

029/12P **NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE 2013,
THURSDAY 9 – SATURDAY 11 MAY 2013, WANAKA –
ATTENDANCE OF COMMUNITY BOARDS (1.37PM – 1.39PM)**
Report of Fiona Dunlop – Committee Advisor.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance up to two members of the Tawa Community Board and Makara/Ohariu Community Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2013, Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 May 2013 and agree that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
3. *Note that a report back on the Conference will be presented by the attendees to the Tawa and Makara/Ohariu Community Board meetings in accordance with Council policy.*

030/12P **POLICY ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (1.40PM – 1.56PM)**
 Report of Tom Yuan, International Relations Manager and Brian Hannah,
 Manager City Strategy.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

Moved Councillor Coughlan, seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officer's report as follows (in bold and strikethrough):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. (a) Note the policy has been refreshed to ensure its consistency with the Wellington Towards 2040: Smart Capital vision and current activities that includes the introduction of the following objectives:
 - (i) Contributing to Wellington's tourism, education and business sectors and attracting skilled migrants and new investment.
 - (ii) Focusing resources where Council has a distinct role and can make a difference (i.e. city to city relationships where the Office of the Mayor can provide connections).
 - (iii) Encouraging and supporting local, regional, national and international stakeholder collaboration (individual, business and institutional) to achieve common objectives.
 - (iv) Leveraging the Council's relationships and agreements with institutions (e.g. WOW and Te Papa) to promote Wellington internationally.
 - (v) Maintaining and building on the Council's investment in existing high-value international relationships.
- (b) Note **the city-to-city priority programme (as attached to the minutes as appendix 1)** ~~that formal relations with San Francisco are being progressed and that formal relations with New Delhi will be explored longer term.~~
- (c) Note that stakeholder engagement is a feature of the refreshed policy.
- ~~3. Recommend to Council that it approves the Updated International Relations Policy (attached as Appendix 1).~~
3. (a) **Agree to consult on the refreshed International Relations Policy (attached as appendix one) and include as part of the consultation material an outline of the council's**

international framework (noted in section 4.2 of the officers report) and a summary of benefits of past delegations.

- (b) Delegate to the Mayor, Economic Portfolio leader and Chief Executive the authority to amend the consultation material and any associated consequential edits inline with the decisions above.
- (c) Note the consultation feedback and final policy will be presented back to the Strategy and Policy committee.

The substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officers report was put and declared **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. (a) *Note the policy has been refreshed to ensure its consistency with the Wellington Towards 2040: Smart Capital vision and current activities that includes the introduction of the following objectives:*
 - (i) *Contributing to Wellington's tourism, education and business sectors and attracting skilled migrants and new investment.*
 - (ii) *Focusing resources where Council has a distinct role and can make a difference (i.e. city to city relationships where the Office of the Mayor can provide connections).*
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- (b) **Delegate to the Mayor, Economic Portfolio leader and Chief Executive the authority to amend the consultation material and any associated consequential edits inline with the decisions above.**
- (c) **Note the consultation feedback and final policy will be presented back to the Strategy and Policy committee.**

NOTED:

The Resolution differs from the officer's recommendations as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold** and the text removed with ~~striketrough~~.

(Councillor Marsh left the meeting at 1.57pm.)

031/12P **CONSULTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MANDATORY PERFORMANCE MEASURES
- SUBMISSION (1.57PM – 2.05PM)**
Report of Jim Robertson – Senior Advisor: Research and Evaluation.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 7)

(Councillor Marsh returned to the meeting at 1.59pm.)

Moved Councillor McKinnon, seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officer's report as follows (in bold):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to the submission to the Department of Internal Affairs on their draft performance measures (attached as appendix 1).

3. **Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer and the Governance Portfolio leader, the authority to amend the proposed submission from Wellington City Council to the Consultation on Local Government mandatory performance measures to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated *minor consequential edits.***

The substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officers report was put and declared **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the submission to the Department of Internal Affairs on their draft performance measures (attached as appendix 1).*
3. ***Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer and the Governance Portfolio leader, the authority to amend the proposed submission from Wellington City Council to the Consultation on Local Government mandatory performance measures to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits.***

NOTED:

The Resolution differs from the officer's recommendations as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

032/12P **STRATEGY AND POLICY FORWARD PROGRAMME**

(2.06PM – 2.11PM)

Report of Anusha Guler, Manager Democratic Services, Andrew Stitt, Manager Policy and Antoinette Bliss, Committee Adviser, Democratic Services.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 8)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Morrison, the substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officer's report as follows (in bold):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.

2. Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 ~~to this report~~. **(of the officer's report) with the following changes:**

Add Report:

- **Draft Town Belt Bill to 22 August 2013**
- **CBD speed limits 12 March 2013**
- **Development contributions as part of Annual Plan 12 March 2013.**

To be scheduled:

- **International Relations Policy**
- **Basin Reserve Submission.**

The substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officers report was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 ~~to this report~~. **(of the officer's report) with the following changes:***

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NOTED:

The Resolution differs from the officer's recommendations as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold** and the text removed with ~~striketrough~~.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.12pm and reconvened at 2.20pm.)

(Councillors Best, Coughlan, Foster, Lester, McKinnon, Marsh, Morrison, Pannett, were present when the meeting reconvened.)

033/12P **EARTHQUAKE RESILIENCE PROGRAMME (2.20PM – 2.34PM)**
– UPDATE AND POLICY DIRECTION

Report of Vivien Rickard, Principal Heritage Advisor, Claire Gregory,
 Senior Advisor Planning and Kiri Rasmussen, Manager Special Projects.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Morrison, the substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officer’s report as follows (in bold):

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the update on the Earthquake Resilience work programme in Appendix 1.

Advocacy and Facilitation - Heritage

3. Agree that resources from the funding allocated under the Earthquake Risk Mitigation Fund for Heritage are directed towards developing a comprehensive advocacy and communications programme to deliver advice and assistance to heritage building owners.

District Plan Heritage List

4. Note that heritage assessments have been completed on all currently identified Earth Quake Prone and potentially Earth Quake Prone individually listed and heritage area buildings on the District Plan Heritage List and that this improves the information held by the Council on listed heritage buildings and can be used in resource consent processes, advocacy and grants assessments, and will be made available to building owners and the community.
5. Note that the government decisions following the outcome of the consultation on the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) document “Building Seismic Resilience” may have consequences for how Council manages the District Plan Heritage List and its objectives, policies and rules.
6. Agree that any decision to introduce a ranking system into the Heritage List will not be made until the central government decisions on how the Resource Management Act requirements will impact on earthquake prone buildings have been made and after all heritage buildings and objects have been reviewed under the 2007 Heritage Listings Criteria.

7. Agree that the second phase of the Heritage List Review of buildings and objects on the Heritage List will continue so that the whole list is reviewed by late-2013 under the 2007 Listings Criteria.
8. Agree that, in relation to draft District Plan changes being prepared in response to the earthquake prone building issue, Option 2 “Rationalise the Heritage List” is the approach to be taken to ranking the Heritage List until the Government has clarified its position on the Building Act/Resource Management Act (RMA) interface in relation to earthquake prone buildings.

Incentives for heritage property owners

9. Agree to implement the process outlined in section 6.3.2 for the Built Heritage Incentive Fund (BHIF) to better utilise and focus this funding towards earthquake strengthening as a priority.
10. Agree to remove criteria 9 from the Built Heritage Incentive Fund (BHIF) application criteria for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 funding rounds.
11. Agree that during the March grant round, utilisation of any unspent amounts from the heritage resource consent fee subsidy fund to grant funding for heritage earthquake strengthening projects (that meet the Built Heritage Incentive Fund (BHIF) criteria) will be considered.
12. Note that a proactive management approach for the Built Heritage Incentive Fund (BHIF) would improve the strengthening outcomes from this fund, but would require an increase in resources of \$40,000 to be considered as part of the 2013/14 Annual Plan.
13. Note that any funding support for heritage buildings (Built Heritage Incentive Fund) beyond 2014/15 will need to be considered through the appropriate Annual and Long Term Plan process.
14. Agree that officers will not continue to work on options of rates relief, rates remission or Transferable Development Rights for heritage earthquake strengthening projects **until the Government policy determinations and any resultant funding assistance has been announced.**
15. **Agree that Council will commit to ongoing dialogue with stakeholders in the building sector on financial issues.**
16. **Instruct Officers to investigate the costs and methodology required for the modelling of potential financial funding mechanisms that could support the strengthening of earthquake prone buildings.**

Incentives for other property owners

- ~~15~~-17. Agree that officers continue to focus efforts on facilitation of solutions for property owners, including but not limited to development of a consortium approach for strengthening solutions in the private sector and the targeted rate scheme.
- ~~16~~ 18. Note that Council will continue to work with Central Government in the development of financial assistance to property owners.
- ~~17~~ 19. Instruct officers to report back on possible incentives for property owners once central Government's support is clear.

(Mayor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 2.27pm.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 2.30pm.)

The substantive motion with changes to the recommendations in the officers report was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the update on the Earthquake Resilience work programme in Appendix 1.*

Advocacy and Facilitation - Heritage

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5. *Note that the government decisions following the outcome of the consultation on the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment*

(MBIE) document “Building Seismic Resilience” may have consequences for how Council manages the District Plan Heritage List and its objectives, policies and rules.

6. *Agree that any decision to introduce a ranking system into the Heritage List will not be made until the central government decisions on how the Resource Management Act requirements will impact on earthquake prone buildings have been made and after all heritage buildings and objects have been reviewed under the 2007 Heritage Listings Criteria.*
7. *Agree that the second phase of the Heritage List Review of buildings and objects on the Heritage List will continue so that the whole list is reviewed by late-2013 under the 2007 Listings Criteria.*
8. *Agree that, in relation to draft District Plan changes being prepared in response to the earthquake prone building issue, Option 2 “Rationalise the Heritage List” is the approach to be taken to ranking the Heritage List until the Government has clarified its position on the Building Act/Resource Management Act (RMA) interface in relation to earthquake prone buildings.*

Incentives for heritage property owners

9. *Agree to implement the process outlined in section 6.3.2 for the Built Heritage Incentive Fund (BHIF) to better utilise and focus this funding towards earthquake strengthening as a priority.*
10. *Agree to remove criteria 9 from the Built Heritage Incentive Fund (BHIF) application criteria for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 funding rounds.*
11. *Agree that during the March grant round, utilisation of any unspent amounts from the heritage resource consent fee subsidy fund to grant funding for heritage earthquake strengthening projects (that meet the Built Heritage Incentive Fund (BHIF) criteria) will be considered.*
12. *Note that a proactive management approach for the Built Heritage Incentive Fund (BHIF) would improve the strengthening outcomes from this fund, but would require an increase in resources of \$40,000 to be considered as part of the 2013/14 Annual Plan.*
13. *Note that any funding support for heritage buildings (Built Heritage Incentive Fund) beyond 2014/15 will need to be considered through the appropriate Annual and Long Term Plan process.*
14. *Agree that officers will not continue to work on options of rates relief, rates remission or Transferable Development Rights for heritage*

earthquake strengthening projects until the Government policy determinations and any resultant funding assistance has been announced.

- 15. Agree that Council will commit to ongoing dialogue with stakeholders in the building sector on financial issues.*
- 16. Instruct Officers to investigate the costs and methodology required for the modelling of potential financial funding mechanisms that could support the strengthening of earthquake prone buildings.*

Incentives for other property owners

- ~~15-17.~~ *Agree that officers continue to focus efforts on facilitation of solutions for property owners, including but not limited to development of a consortium approach for strengthening solutions in the private sector and the targeted rate scheme.*
- ~~16-~~ 18. *Note that Council will continue to work with Central Government in the development of financial assistance to property owners.*
- ~~17-~~ 19. *Instruct officers to report back on possible incentives for property owners once central Government's support is clear.*

NOTED:

The Resolution differs from the officer's recommendations as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

The meeting concluded at 2.35pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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